

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 9 are all the claims pending in the application, claims 6 and 8 having been cancelled as indicated herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3-5, and 9 are allowed and that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 7 is amended, as indicated herein, to place it in independent form, therefore Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

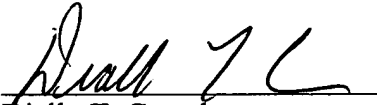
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